



# ZIM CITY NEWS

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Spring 2019

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## Welcome Amanda Rodriguez!



Amanda Rodriguez joined the Zimmerman Public Works Department on October 1st as a Maintenance Technician. She will work all aspects of the department, from snow plowing to park maintenance, to responsibilities with the water and wastewater systems.

Amanda is a life long resident of Zimmerman and worked as a seasonal City laborer the past 5 years. She attended college at Maranatha Baptist University where she majored in psychology with a minor in special education.

In her free time Amanda enjoys playing basketball, reading books, and spending time with her family and friends.

If given the chance, please “welcome” Amanda to our City staff!

## Zimmerman/Livonia Clean-up Day!

The City of Zimmerman and Livonia Township are partnering up to sponsor a residential clean up day, **Saturday, May 4th from 8 am to noon**. The event will be held at the Livonia Town Hall at 11162 265th Avenue. The following items will be accepted (per item charge):

Passenger Tires On/Off Rim	\$ 2.00	All Bike Tires On/Off Rim	\$ 2.00
Semi Tires Off Rim	10.00	Tractor Tires 24” or smaller Off Rim	25.00
Semi Tires On Rim	15.00	Tractor Tires 24” or smaller On Rim	35.00
*Electronics 24” or under	15.00	Tractor Tires 24” or smaller Off Rim	35.00
*Electronics Over 24”	25.00	Tractor Tires Larger than 24” Off Rim	35.00
Appliances	12.00	Tractor Tires 24” or larger On Rim	45.00
Auto Batteries	FREE	Mattress & Furniture	12.00
Clean Scrap Materials	FREE		
A/C, Water Conditioner or Water Softener (NO Salt)	15.00		

\*Electronics include TV's, VCR's. Stereos and computer equipment. **Items NOT accepted** include: Curbside recyclables, yard waste, refuse, wood, paint, carpet, construction materials, or hazardous



*Happy Spring!*

### City Hall Hours of Operation

**Monday**  
7:00am - 6:30pm

**Tuesday - Thursday**  
7:00am - 5:30pm

**Friday - Closed**

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## Welcome Mayor & Council Members!



The City welcomed 4 newly elected members of Council that were sworn in at the January 7th Council meeting. Mayor Nick Stay, Council Members Sheldon Shepard, Josh Bondhus, and Linda Frederick will join Council Member Jay Whiting in governing the City of Zimmerman.

All four Council Members serve the city at large for a 4 year term and the Mayor will serve a 2 year term. If you wish to contact your elected officials, contact phone numbers are listed on page 4 of this issue of Zim City News.

## Local Board of Equalization and Appeal

The City Council will meet as the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Zimmerman City Hall, for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said City properties for the year 2019.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact the Sherburne County Assessor's Office at 763-765-4900 to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with the Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board will review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

## Sherburne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

While doing your spring cleaning, dealing with old paint cans, cleaning products, lawn and garden pesticides, and other types of hazardous waste can pose a problem. For Sherburne County residents there's a solution! The Sherburne County Zoning and Solid Waste Office will once again be hosting several Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events throughout the area. The Zimmerman event will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Sherburne County Public Works Garage, 12950 7th Avenue South. There is NO CHARGE for this event and pre-registration is not required, however, you should be prepared to show proof of Sherburne County residency.

Items accepted include: paints, cleaners, poisons, roofing tars, fuels, automotive chemicals, sealers, garden chemicals, pool chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, adhesives, aerosols, solvents, mothballs, lead, mercury, and automotive batteries. Items NOT accepted include: medical wastes, agricultural wastes, non-profit & business wastes, auto repair shop waste, appliances, furniture, tires, explosives, and household garbage.

For questions or more information on any of the 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Events, please contact Gabrielle Holman with the Sherburne County Zoning Department at 763-765-4457.



**Dispose of Your Hazardous Waste**

## Advertising Opportunity at Zimmerman Ball Fields

Take advantage of this inexpensive opportunity to display your company name and message on a Softball Field Backboard. Local sports participants will be sure to remember you and support your business. You can provide your own 4X8 sign or one can be custom designed for approximately \$275.00. The yearly fee to display your advertisement is only \$100.00 and the funds collected help defray the cost of maintaining the park.



For more information on how you can get your sign installed before the scheduled baseball season begins, contact Sara at 763-856-4666 ext. 21 or email: [zimmermancityhall@cityofzimmerman.com](mailto:zimmermancityhall@cityofzimmerman.com). There are still a few prime spots available on our main field, don't delay—call NOW!

## Compost Site - FREE Access Card for Sherburne County Residents!

Sherburne County residents have four convenient options when it comes time to manage yard waste. One site is located in Zimmerman behind Nelson's Nursery off 2nd Street E. A FREE non-expiring access card is available for Sherburne County residents to access all four sites in Becker, Big Lake, Elk River and Zimmerman. Stop by City Hall at 12980 Fremont Avenue with your photo ID and staff will be able to issue a pass. One pass per household please. Questions, contact Sara at 763-856-4666 ext. 21.

## Farmers Market News!

Zimmerman will no longer have a location in its city limits. The Princeton Farmers Market will be servicing the Zimmerman area. The Princeton market is located at The Princeton Mall parking lot at 111 South Rum River Drive every Saturday from May 5th to October. The market is open from 8:30 am to noon.

There are vegetables, fresh fruits, herbs, and cut flowers. You will also find eggs, homemade baked goods, delicious maple syrup, honey, canned goods and meat products throughout the season. The selection depends on the season and weather, so if you stop by more than once, you'll find new fruits and vegetables that may not have been there the week before, so visit often!

### Many great reasons to shop your local Farmer's Market!

**Taste Real Flavors** - The fruits and vegetables you buy at the market are the freshest and tastiest available. Our Farmer's Market produce is allowed to ripen in the field, not in a truck that's transporting it thousands of miles.

**Celebrate the Season** - The food you buy at the Farmer's Market is seasonal. Everything is locally grown and it's exciting to see what each season produces. Reconnect with the cycles of nature; enjoy spring snap peas, summer sweet corn and crisp fall apples.

**Support Family Farmers** - Family farmers are becoming increasingly rare. Buying directly from farmers gives them a better return for their produce and gives them a fighting change in today's globalized economy.

**Protect the Environment** - Food in the U.S. travels an average of 1,500 miles to get to your table. Shipping uses large amounts of natural resources, especially fossil fuels, contributes to pollution and creates excess waste due to extra packaging.

**Variety** - Find a bountiful assortment of vegetables you might not find at the grocery store. Keep your body healthy and eat vegetables from every color of the rainbow. It's a great opportunity to try something new.

## Sherburne County Medication Disposal Program

Properly disposing of unwanted medicines is important to prevent abuse or poisoning and protect the environment. Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem, especially among teens and accidental poisonings from medicines are on the rise. Medicines flushed down the drain or disposed of in the trash can contaminate bodies of water, harm wildlife and end up in drinking water supplies. Sherburne County residents can dispose of unwanted medicines for **FREE** at the drop box located inside the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office in Elk River, Becker Police Department, and Big Lake Police Department from 8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (closed on holidays). The drop box is self serve. Pull the handle to open and drop the unwanted medications into the box.

Items Sherburne County residents can drop off are: prescription drugs (pill or capsule), or over the counter drugs (pill or capsule). Please keep drug name on the container and remove the patient's name with a marker. Items NOT accepted are sharps or pointed items (needles, syringes, epi-pens, lancets), medications from hospitals, nursing homes, schools etc. Also NOT accepted are non-drug items such as a glucose test meters, blood pressure equipment, etc. For more information contact Gabrielle Holman at 763-765-4457.



## Zimmerman Community Garage Sale Days!

Zimmerman Today declares **Saturday, May 11th, July 13th and September 7th** as Zimmerman Community Garage Sale Days!

Join your neighbors all over the area on Saturday from morning until night and have a yard sale! Contact the Zimmerman Today at [www.zimmermantoday.com](http://www.zimmermantoday.com) or 763-856-4336 to register your garage sale.



## Severe Weather Awareness

### MAYOR

**Nick Stay**  
612-499-5433

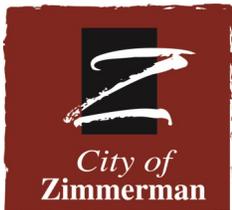
### COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Josh Bondhus**  
763-856-0452

**Linda Frederick**  
763-350-7843

**Sheldon Shepard**  
763-377-2370

**Jay Whiting**  
612-940-4105



**City Hall  
will be Closed**

**May 27th  
2019**

**In observation  
of Memorial Day**



April 8th through the 12th is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota. In cooperation with state emergency management agencies, the National Weather Service uses this week to remind people about the dangers of severe weather, including thunderstorms, flash flooding, and tornados. On Thursday, April 11th at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. simulated tornado watches and warnings will be issued to test the statewide warning and communications systems.

A reminder for all that "Outdoor Warning Sirens" are intended to alert people, who are outside, of approaching severe weather. The sirens are sounded whenever a tornado warning is issued for Sherburne County. They may also be activated for other situations which require citizens to take shelter and seek more information from media outlets. The sirens are also tested monthly, at 1:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

When you hear the sirens, you should immediately seek shelter and tune into a local radio or television station for information concerning the siren activation. The County's outdoor warning system is not intended to be the only means of emergency warning. For a well balanced system, the use of indoor systems, such as radio and television, are also necessary.

The City encourages all residents to prepare for their own safety by purchasing a NOAA weather alert radio to assure they receive weather watches and warnings in their homes. Weather radios with Specific Alert Message Encoding (SAME) can be programmed to only activate for warnings in Sherburne County. The Sherburne County SAME code is 027141. Weather radios are the best warning method for storms occurring late at night when most people are in their homes sleeping. NOAA weather radios can be purchased at most electronics stores.

## Upcoming Events

### APRIL

City Council Meeting	April 1	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	April 2	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	April 8	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Severe Weather Awareness Week	April 8-12		
Local Board of Appeal & Equalization	April 15	9:00 a.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	April 15	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	April 27	9-11 a.m.	Public Safety Building

### MAY

Zimmerman/Livonia Clean Up Day	May 4	8:00 a.m.	Livonia Township Hall
City Council Meeting	May 6	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	May 7	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Zimmerman Community Garage Sale	May 11		City Wide
COW Meeting	May 13	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	May 13	3-6:00 p.m.	County Public Works
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	May 18	9-11 a.m.	UMA Precision Machine Bldg
City Council Meeting	May 20	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Wild West Days	May 23-27		City Park
Memorial Day	May 27		City Offices <b>Closed</b>

### JUNE

City Council Meeting	June 3	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	June 4	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Chamber Golf Tournament	June 4	12:00 Noon	Princeton Golf Course
Fire Department Golf Tournament	June TBD	12:00 Noon	Fairway Shores Golf Course
COW Meeting	June 10	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	June 17	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	June 29	9-11 a.m.	UMA Precision Machine Bldg